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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:BRIEFING FOR CHAIRMAN OF ARMCO STEEL

1. ARMCO STEEL CORPORATION HAS ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY TOKYO COULD ARRANGE "POLITICAL BRIEFING" FOR CHAIRMAN OF BOARD C. WILLIAM VERITY AND PARTY WHO WILL BE PASSING THROUGH TOKYO ON THEIR WAY TO PEKING NEXT WEEK. UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY DATE/TIME AVAILABLE WOULD BE TUESDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 21, A JAPANESE HOLIDAY.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THE CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING EMBOFFS WORK ON HOLIDAY TIME TO BRIEF TRANSIENT VISITORS. HOWEVER, OUR RECOGNITION IN THIS CASE IS TEMPERED BY FACT THAT IT MIGHT BE VERY WORTHWHILE FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS JAPAN'S AND OUR STEEL PROBLEMS WITH CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF MAJOR U.S. PRODUCER AT THIS TIME. WE HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT SOMEONE CAN ACCOMMODATE MR. VERITY'S REQUEST.

3. VERITY'S PARTY CONSISTS OF MR. AND MRS. VERITY; MR. AND MRS. DANIEL C. BOONE, EXECUTIVE VP OF ARMCO; AND MR. AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MRS. THEODORE C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT OF ARMCO-OWNED NATIONAL SUPPLY CORPORATION.

4. IN VIEW OF IMPENDING DEPARTURE, WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE NLT COB MARCH 16 WASHINGTON TIME. VANCE

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